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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Norman G. ANDERSON et al.

Serial No. 09/666,836

Examiner: F. W. Lu

Filed: 21 September 2000

Group Art Unit: 1655

For: DETECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION
OF MICROORGANISMS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action in the form of a Restriction Requirement which was mailed 16 May 2001, Applicants elect the claims of Group IV (claims 83-84) for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Prior to examination of the above-identified divisional application, please enter the following amendments which consist of amending claim 83 and adding new claim 92. A marked-up copy of the amended claim 83 is attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by square brackets.